

MEAT BOYCOTT IS GROWING

IN MANY CITIES, LABOR UNIONS ARE TAKING ACTION.

More than a Million Folks Are Actively Interested—No Move as Yet Made in This City to Organize the Workers, but They Are Eating Much Less Meat.

The boycott on high food prices started in Cleveland a week ago is growing rapidly. Missouri, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, Illinois and Michigan are now included in the ranks of the crusaders in the West, while in the East Pennsylvania, Connecticut and Delaware are lifting their voices in feeble protest.

Ohio, however, is still the stronghold of the movement. The Cleveland boycott has extended to Canton, where the Central Labor Union has adopted a no meat resolution and petitions are being circulated with surprising results; to Columbus, where a strong boycott has been organized; to Toledo, Akron and other cities of the State. The crusade in Ohio has found encouragement in the publicly expressed belief of Gov. Harmon that a food trust is gobbling excessive profits somewhere between the producer and the consumer. He has called on the Legislature to hunt the trust out of the woods and exhibit it to the people.

It is estimated that more than 1,000,000 persons have in a brief week become actively interested in the high price boycott. Despatches from Chicago last night said that a boycott soon will be started in that city by the Chicago Federation of Labor.

"The idea of depriving ourselves of meat simply to get lower prices does not appeal to federation people," said Secretary Charles McGee, "but we propose to adopt the idea as a temporary expedient in order to bring more sharply to the attention of the packers the fact that they cannot trifle with the consumers of Chicago. We hope to give the idea such a strong endorsement that it will spread to all parts of the country."

The price of eggs tumbled two cents a dozen in the Cleveland retail stores yesterday. The drop was attributed partly to the formation of "the thirty cent egg club." Meat in Cleveland local retail stores was not affected in price by the increase in the number of business to eat, but was offered at the big restaurants at eleven cents a pound instead of fourteen, the prevailing price recently. Though the big Cleveland wholesalers say they do not fear the strike, the Cleveland Provision Company, operating a slaughter house and twenty-seven retail stores, has laid off one-third of its staff of wagon drivers who were engaged in delivering meat from the yards to the shops.

Baltimore is a new convert to the anti-meat eating campaign. The fight there is being led by the Federation of Labor and its 103 affiliated unions. A resolution was placed yesterday for 50,000 buttons bearing the inscription: "I don't buy meat; do you?" These buttons are to be distributed to the various unions in the city and passed out to the members to make the pledge. A committee is engaged in drawing up a resolution which will be presented to the Governor of Maryland asking for the creation of a meatless day. It is said that 200,000 already have joined.

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Then there is also the movement instituted by Harlow C. Clark, president of the Chamber of Commerce of Syracuse, and John A. Stewart, trustee of the New York State School of Agriculture. Mr. Clark and Mr. Stewart want the subject considered at a conference of the State's most important commercial bodies at Albany. It is the intention of the organizers of this movement to invite representatives from the fruit sections of Oregon, California and Washington and men from the Middle West and the West and the South having to do with food products to attend the conference.

In Washington also there has been organized the National Anti-Trust League, inducing the fight against high prices. President Taft is said to be willing to give this organization his support. Applications for membership in this organization are coming in by the thousands every day. It is said that 200,000 already have joined.

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Huge Increase in Popular Vote Against British Ministry—Labor Gains Two—G. H. S. Stumps for Keir Hardie—W. G. A. Stumps for Lloyd George.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—Of the forty-seven pollings to-day only twelve were declared to-night. Two of them show Unionist gains.

Westminster, the last London constituency, remained faithful to the Unionists, adding 3,917 Unionist and 1,751 Liberal votes to the metropolitan totals.

The popular vote of the twelve districts declared to-night was: Unionist, 52,721; Liberal, 23,267; and Labor, 33,429, as compared with 43,044 Unionist, 24,823 Liberal and 28,877 Labor votes in the last elections.

The parties are now represented in the new House of Commons as follows: Liberals, 138; Nationalists, 83; Laborites, 24; and Unionists, 164. The coalition thus far has a majority of 55.

The net Unionist gains hitherto are 60. Conservative partisans claim 61, but the official organizations on both sides seem to agree on 60. The confusion arises from several members of Parliament, who are recontesting, having changed sides.

M. Hennrich-Heaton, the postal reformer, has narrowly retained his seat for Canterbury. It is a granitic conservative constituency, but a local popular Unionist fought his own hand against Mr. Heaton, who won by only 21 votes.

Sixty-seven seats are to be filled to-morrow. They were held in the last Parliament by 47 Liberals, 15 Unionists, 3 Nationalists and 2 Laborites.

With the declaration early to-day of the result in the Merthyr-Tydvil division where Jones, Liberal, who received 15,448 votes, and Keir Hardie, the Labor candidate, who polled 13,841 votes, were elected, the returns for Wednesday, the fourth day of the polling for the general election, were complete. Mr. Hardie increased his vote from 10,187, which he obtained in 1906, possibly owing to the oratorical efforts of George Bernard Shaw in his behalf. The successful Liberal candidate at the last election received 13,871 votes.

The Liberal and Labor parties gained no seat yesterday as an offset to a Unionist gain of 13.

Summarizing the popular vote cast on Wednesday as compared with the vote cast in the same districts in 1906 the Liberals show a decrease of over 2,000. The Unionists made a gain of over 8,000. The Labor party made a gain of over 10,000 votes, while the Socialist votes show a falling off of 1,290.

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Miss Kenely, who acted as her own counsel, asked Lord Northcliffe a number of questions. To some of these he made definite replies, but a general statement that he could not possibly know all the dealings of the fifty papers with which he was connected.

Referring to the letter of Sydney Holland, chairman of the London Hospital, who protested to Lord Northcliffe against the employment of Miss Kenely as the head of his "Humanities" department on the ground that she was an anti-vivisectionist, Lord Northcliffe reluctantly testified amid a roar of laughter that it contained the following expression: "Why do you send this old Guy Fawkes to worry me?"

Before leaving the stand he described the plaintiff as "the cleverest lady lawyer in existence."

Sydney Holland was the next witness. He admitted writing the "Guy Fawkes" letter. He expressed his sorrow at having written it, but at the same time remarked that when Miss Kenely visited the hospital she was unattractive and tremendously over-dressed. She wore, he testified, the biggest hat he ever saw and was adorned with an immense amount of jewelry. Her dress was bright pink in color and she had on a wig of considerable size. Her language, Mr. Holland testified, was as exaggerated as her costume.

Miss Kenely was in no way perturbed by this description of her appearance and suggested that as Mr. Holland's sense of humor did not agree with hers it was unnecessary to cross-examine him.

The evidence being all in, Miss Kenely proceeded to address the jury. She concluded by saying: "Gentlemen, give your verdict in favor of the introduction into the Daily Mail office of a little more chivalry, honor and kindness than was meted out to me."

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